



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	November 26, 2024
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Vice Mayor Jimenez
Subject:	Clinton Circle Park Revitalization Presentation
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There is no financial impact for receiving this presentation and report.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Friends of the Circle is a sub-committee of the North and East Neighborhood Council. Organizers Cosmo and Nancy engaged the community and collected proposals for how to improve the Clinton Hill Circle Park at 36th St. and Clinton Ave. The Friends of the Circle will be providing the City Council a presentation on the proposed design and cost of improvement.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	RECEIVE a presentation by Cosmo Martinez and Nancy Lewis of the Friends of the Circle on the proposed design and cost of improvements to the Clinton Hill Circle Park.

DISCUSSION:

In early 2023, residents of the North and East neighborhood expressed interest in revitalizing the circle park on 36th St. and Clinton Avenue, focusing on improvements that would create a safe, welcoming, and accessible public space. This interest led Cosmo Martinez and Nancy Lewis to organize Friends of the Circle, a group within the North and East Neighborhood Council, to bring neighbors together and gather feedback on desired improvements.

They surveyed residents at neighborhood events, through social media, and by knocking on doors, ensuring a wide range of input. The responses indicated a strong desire for the replacement of the existing juniper bushes with California native plants to enhance both beauty and sustainability and the installation of a bench.

Nancy and Cosmo compiled this feedback and collaborated with landscape architect Lea Farley and gardener Liz Bittner, resulting in a comprehensive design and cost estimate for materials and labor required to complete the project. The proposal's focus on accessibility, native landscaping, and seating reflects a community-driven vision for the park, directly supporting the goals set forth by the Council for the Chevron settlement funds.

These funds are designated for public improvements that enhance quality of life, including neighborhood parks that do not increase reliance on fossil fuels. This proposal fits these objectives by creating an inviting space for local residents to walk to and enjoy, supporting both the neighborhood's needs and the city's overarching goal of community-centered development.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

- Attachment 1 – Clinton Circle Park Revitalization Slides
- Attachment 2 – Draft Design Plan
- Attachment 3 – Opinion of Probable Construction Costs